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Docket No. 1539.1003RE



**RESPONSE AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116**

**\*\* EXPEDITED PROCEDURE \*\***

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of:

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For: EXPOSURE APPARATUS HAVING CATADIOPTRIC PROJECTION OPTICAL SYSTEM

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Sir:

This is responsive to the Final Office Action mailed February 18, 2004, having a shortened period for response set to expire on May 18, 2004.

The following remarks are respectfully submitted.